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FOLLOWING IS CURRENT THINKING RESULTING FROM HIGH LEVEL
MEETING REFERRED TO IN PARA 2, REF (A). YOU SHOULD
DRAW UPON THIS AS APPROPRIATE PRIOR TO AND AT THE
MAY 2 PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPS. WE ARE CONTINUING
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TO REVIEW THIS SUBJECT (AT HIGHEST LEVEL) AND FURTHER
GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY.

1. OPENING SESSION MAY 30 AT KENNEDY CENTER: -- WE
FORESEE SYG LUNS, PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND THE PRESIDENT
SPEAKING. PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK FOR APPROXIMATELY 7-10
MINUTES ON THE PURPOSES OF NATO, US VIEW OF WHAT THE

ALLIANCE HOPES TO ACCOMPLISH IN BROAD POLITICAL SENSE, REAFFIRMING NEEDS FOR STRONG DEFENSE. YOU SHOULD SEEK TO IMPRESS ON LUNS THE NEED FOR SIMILAR BREVITY.

2. MORNING CLOSED PLENARY SESSION: -- WE DO NOT NOW ANTICIPATE THAT PRESIDENT WILL AGAIN SPEAK IN THE CLOSED PLENARY SESSION DURING THE MORNING. WE EMPHATICALLY BELIEVE THAT FORMAL STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED SO THAT ALL GENERAL STATEMENTS CAN BE CONCLUDED BEFORE LUNCH. YOU SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE ALLIES AGREE THAT LUNS WILL PUT ABSOLUTE LIMIT ON LENGTH OF TIME FOR SUCH STATEMENTS.

3. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LUNCH:- WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS LUNCHEON SHOULD BE LIMITED TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. (FYI. WE WILL HAVE FURTHER GUIDANCE LATER REGARDING THE FRENCH. END FYI.) WE SEE THIS LUNCHEON AS RESPONSIVE TO EXPRESSED OPINIONS OF SOME NATO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT (INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT) WHICH CALLED FOR OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE, INFORMAL, OFF-THE-RECORD, UNSTRUCTURED DISCUSSIONS. US VIEW THEREFORE IS THAT "CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES" DO NOT ARISE WITH REGARD TO THIS SOCIAL EVENT. THE PRESIDENT IS PERSONALLY INVITING SYG LUNS AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ONLY TO A PRIVATE LUNCH DURING THE SUMMIT. HE DOES NOT WISH TO INVITE OTHERS. (FYI. WE ARE CONSIDERING DISCUSSING THIS MATTER BILATERALLY
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WITH CERTAIN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. END FYI.)

4. AFTERNOON CLOSED SESSION:- WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE AFTERNOON SESSION SHOULD BEGIN WITH ATTENDANCE BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT PLUS FOREIGN MINISTERS ONLY FOR A CONTINUATION FOR PERHAPS ONE HOUR OF TOPICS RAISED DURING THE LUNCHEON CONVERSATION OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. (FYI. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING ALLIED AGREEMENT TO ISSUE THE PUBLIC POLITICAL DOCUMENT MENTIONED IN PARA 5 BELOW, WE WOULD SEE THIS VERY RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION ALSO PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON THAT DOCUMENT. END FYI.) WE WOULD THEN BE PREPARED TO OPEN UP MEETING TO ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AS REQUESTED BY ALLIES FOR DISCUSSION OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY AND OTHER SUBJECTS INCLUDING COOPERATION ON DEFENSE PROCUREMENT, (TAD, ETC.). WE BELIEVE THAT DEFENSE MINISTERS SHOULD ATTEND IF THEY SO DESIRE THE DISCUSSION OF COOPERATION ON DEFENSE PROCUREMENT. WE CURRENTLY ANTICIPATE THAT SECRETARY BROWN WILL ATTEND FOR THIS PART OF THE DISCUSSION.

5. FIRST DAY PUBLIC DOCUMENTS:- (FYI. WE ARE CONSIDER-

ING APPROACHING CERTAIN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT BILATERALLY REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF DRAFTING UNDER DIRECT AUSPICES OF THE 15 HEADS OF GOVERNMENT A DECLARATION WHICH WE FORESEE BEING RELEASED AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY. IF OUR SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT THERE IS INITIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE IDEA OF ATTEMPTING TO DRAFT SUCH A

DECLARATION, WE WOULD ENGAGE ALL ALLIES AND TRY TO HAVE DECLARATION IN ALMOST FINAL FORM PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT. AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THE OPENING RESTRICTED PART OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION COULD INCLUDE FINAL DISCUSSION OF THIS DECLARATION. AS REGARDS THE EAST-WEST STUDY, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATO SUMMIT.
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HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO BROACH WITH ALLIES THE IDEA OF AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION UNTIL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A TEXT OF PART III. AS TO TIMING OF RELEASE, WE DO NOT YET HAVE A FIXED IDEA AND WILL ADVISE LATER. WE WOULD SEE SOME ADVANTAGES IN RELEASING THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION ON JUNE 1 SO THAT IT WILL NOT BE OVER-SHADOWED BY OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE RELEASED ON MAY 30 AND 31. END FYI.)

6. OPENING SESSION ON MAY 31:- YOU SHOULD ADVISE ALLIES THAT WE FAVOR OPENING THIS DISCUSSION OF DEFENSE ISSUES WITH A BRIEFING ON SOVIET MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. (FYI. WE WISH THIS TO BE THE "HUGHES BRIEFING" UPDATED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT A NATO OFFICIAL, POSSIBLY THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE STAFF OF IMS, COULD GIVE THIS BRIEFING. END FYI) WE ANTICIPATE A SECOND BRIEFING TO BE GIVEN BY THE US ON THE STRATEGIC BALANCE, INCLUDING US AS WELL AS SOVIET STRATEGIC FORCES.(FYI: WE ARE CONSIDERING THE PRESIDENT'S FOLLOWING THESE TWO BRIEFINGS WITH A FIVE-TEN MINUTE STATEMENT ON DEFENSE INCLUDING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR FIRM COMMITMENTS TO THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. END FYI.) WE WOULD THEN LIKE TO HAVE DSYG PETRIGNANI BRIEF THE MEETING ON REMAINING LTDP ISSUES WHICH MAY BE UNRESOLVED FOLLOWING MAY 18-19 DPC. DISCUSSION WOULD THEN PROCEED WITH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ADDRESSING REMAINING LTDP ISSUES AND SPEAKING AS FIRMLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE NATURE OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE LTDP. (FYI. WE RECOGNIZE THAT MANY COUNTRIES WILL RESIST THE IDEA OF ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE LTDP ISSUES AT THE SUMMIT BUT WE WISH TO HOLD OPEN THIS POSSIBILITY UNTIL WE CAN JUDGE WHAT THE REALISTIC POSSIBILITIES FOR THIS MAY BE; THIS CANNOT BE JUDGED UNTIL AFTER MAY 18-19 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. END FYI.)
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7. AFTERNOON SESSION:- ALLIES WOULD CONTINUE AS NECESSARY WITH DISCUSSION OF THE LTDP. WE ALSO SEE POSSIBLE NEED FOR MORE SPECIFIC, PROJECT-ORIENTED DISCUSSION OF ARMAMENTS COOPERATION. (FYI. WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING A PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE FOR A NATO STUDY OF ESTABLISHING AN ALLIED COMMON FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ARMAMENTS. END FYI.) WE FORESEE A FIVE-SIX PAGE

PUBLIC STATEMENT ON LTDP FOR RELEASE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE LTDP DISCUSSION. WE CAN ALSO AGREE TO A CLOSING (POLITICAL) SESSION IN THE AFTERNOON WITH ATTENDANCE BY ALL 15 HEADS OF DELEGATION. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL COMMUNIQUE. (FYI. WE ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF A STRONG CONCLUDING STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT IN THE EVENT WE DO NOT ACHIEVE THE KIND OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DECLARATION WE ARE NOW SEEKING. SUCH A STATEMENT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN ANY EVENT. END FYI.)

8. YOU SHOULD ADVISE ALLIES THAT US FAVORS WORK COMMENCING IN BRUSSELS ON A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE. WE CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE THAT AS MUCH WORK AS POSSIBLE BE COMPLETED ON COMMUNIQUE PRIOR TO SUMMIT BUT WE EXPECT THAT AS IN THE PAST IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A SHORT DISCUSSION OF THE COMMUNIQUE IN AFTERNOON SESSION ON MAY 31.

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